

House Resolution 1437

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63rd, Morgan of the 39th, Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, and Mangham of the 94th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Richard Howard Grigsby; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mr. Richard Howard Grigsby on October 11, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Grigsby was born on December 2, 1956, in Atlanta, Georgia, the beloved
5 only child of J. Howard and Lucy Clemmons Grigsby; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Northside High School, Mr. Grigsby earned a bachelor's degree
7 in political science from Morehouse College and a law degree from Howard University Law
8 School; and
- 9 WHEREAS, passionate about politics, he served as a legislative assistant for United States
10 Senator Gary Hart and interned for the Congressional Black Caucus while attending law
11 school; and
- 12 WHEREAS, during his legal career he worked as an associate attorney for Maynard
13 Jackson's law firm Parks, Jackson, and Howell, PC, in Atlanta, staff attorney for the Georgia
14 Law Center for the Homeless, and Director of Voting and Fair Representation for the
15 Southern Regional Council; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mr. Grigsby was an adjunct business law professor at Clark Atlanta University's
17 Graduate School of Business and School of Public Administration and served as interim
18 executive director for the Joseph E. Lowery Institute for Justice and Human Rights at Clark
19 Atlanta University; and
- 20 WHEREAS, he was an active member of the Georgia Bar Association, Alpha Phi Alpha
21 fraternity, and First Congregational Church; and

22 WHEREAS, he was known as a clear thinker and hard worker, as a man whose strong
23 convictions were supported by meticulous research and careful consideration, and as an
24 equitable, impartial leader whose decisions were governed by the rules of honesty and fair
25 play; and

26 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Grigsby will long be remembered for
27 his love of politics, family, and friendship, and this scholar, neighbor, and friend will be
28 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Richard Howard
31 Grigsby and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Richard
34 Howard Grigsby.